

# Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### GREAT BAND!

By this time most all know just how well the Ft Hunt Band has done in Europe. What an achievement! We are happy that this association financially assisted in making this trip possible and all those hundreds of residents who individually helped through work, contributions and the like - all share in the pride in being associated with the Band. To have swept all competition is a feat and to be best out of 31 competing in each category proves that they are good. Welcome back and thanks for carrying our areas name all the way to Vienna!

### GARAGE SALE COMING

We postponed the spring garage sale in favor of the Fort Hunt Band Fund drive so that they could reap some gain from such a sale. Now the band is not only in Europe, it has won its competition and the time has come for a community, association sponsored garage sale. We've had these each year for the past four years and they have all been quite successful. There is no percentage taken out. All monies collected through sales revert to the seller. The date of the sale will be Saturday, Sep 16th next to the tennis courts in Stratford Landing Park. We announce this now so that you might start identifying any and everything which you might want to sell and hold till that time. The youngsters will be back in school, all the seasonal movement will have subsided and it'll be a good time to clean house and make some money too. We'll have more details in the Aug newsletter.

### GREAT SUCCESS

It was a rainy night. The forecast was for rain. The skies were really threatening. At 6 PM there were downpours. Still, there was no rain. Still there were in excess of 2,800 people at the Ft Hunt High stadium for the Marine Corps show. Naturally we were gratified. This was but one of a whole series of such events, free of charge which this association has sponsored from the ground up for the pleasure and entertainment of the whole district. That type of support and interest only spurs us on to bigger and better things. Thanks for coming and we'll have more this summer or early fall.

### THANKS SCOUTS

Dave Fletcher is the Eagle Scout candidate who along with his patrol is responsible for cleaning out the terrible mess on that small strip of no man's land along Camden Street and where it turns into Childs. It took many hours of hard work in very hot weather. We thank yet another Scout for living up to the spirit of the Scout movement. COULD WE NOT ASK THE RESIDENTS LIVING TO EITHER SIDE OF THAT SMALL STRIP TO PLEASE MOW THAT AREA WHILE DOING THEIR OWN LAWNS. IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. Dave and his scouts also put the final touches on the clean-up of Burma Road now called the Camden Causeway. Hey, remember just a couple of years ago what that area looked like and for how many years it was a blight? Quite some improvement and we hope all of our residents notice and ascertain that the road sidewalk and plantings stay as they now are. Stop people who dump or throw out trash - help us by being concerned.

## TAKE NOTE PLEASE

The movement into and out of our community this summer has been unbelievable. In the last issue of the newsletter we ask you to make corrections to the new directory. More corrections additions etc. follow. Do please make them in your directory. More importantly, won't new residents PLEASE be good enough to contact their block captain? to give the data needed for inclusion in the directory update? As the association year is more than half over, no dues are being collected. All new residents should have the welcoming and informative brochure and the new directory. Should they not have been contacted by their block captain please call 780-9388 so that you might receive them or be told who your block captain is. Block captains DO PLEASE contact your new residents, make out the 3 X 5 cards and pass them to Kay Gray for her membership records and so that we might list the names of new residents in succeeding issues of the newsletter.

ADD:

John NEILL (Kathleen) 8725 Bluedale Pat, Megan, Robin, Stacy, Van, John & Peter	780-8042	Charles McGRATH (Alexa) 8715 Bradgate Carla, Lex, Malena	780-5975
Don POORMAN Lt Col (Peggy) 8729 Bluedale Doug & Scott	780-6934	Joe WILSON Lt Col (Pat) 2302 Stirrup Joe, Steve, Jeff, Scott & Shelli	360-3450
Darrell FREELAND Lt Col (Betty) 8504 Wendell Mitchell, Linda	360-7607	Nick BELTRANTE (Anne) 8608 Bluedale Janice, Susan & Michael	360-7676

New residents and block captains! we are sure there are more names which we should place here - please contact us so that we might add to this list in the next issue!

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Benjamin E. JOYCE (Pat) Cmdr 360-7994  
2409 Cavendish  
Elisabeth Ann

## CORRECTIONS UNDERWAY ! CORRECTIONS UNDERWAY ! CORRECTIONS UNDERWAY !

Considerable concern has been expressed this past months about a number of conditions which are certainly less than desirable. First, the condition of Cree Drive is beyond anything the residents should accept. We have made the appropriate contacts both with our representative on the Board of Supervisors and the county staff and proper actions are being taken to get that road fixed up and paved ASAP! Second, the six houses on Yardley should certainly have been finished long before this! We took appropriate actions with the builder and the county and, lo and behold, work is now progressing nicely. Third, the condition of some of the streets which either have not been finally paved or where paving is supposed to be completed, certainly is an item of interest. We have been assured that those where the job is not complete, it shall be done this month. For those streets where the work done is anything but satisfactory, we are meeting with representatives of the State Highway Department and the contractor to ascertain that relief is gained. Finally we are pushing ahead to get stop and speed limit signs and street signs placed on the corners of Camden and Stockton/Creek Drive and along the latter two streets. Should you note any inconsistencies, missing signs etc., please do not hesitate to inform us.

## OUR TEEN CLUB

We haven't mentioned the teen club lately. Yes it's alive and kicking. A second bus trip to Ocean City is now history and all who went had a good time. These trips are quite expensive and the cost certainly is low. Do encourage your youngsters to go. On Friday night the 28th, there'll be a real big summer dance at Ft Hunt Ele which, of course is air-conditioned. Three big and good bands and we certainly hope you will encourage your youngsters to join the Club. Give Monica O'Keefe a call on 780-5358 and she'll take down the names and addresses and phone numbers of those who want to come to the monthly meetings and help plan events. This is a good club - it's leaders and officers are reputable and reliable and independent in their planning - they and the club deserve your support

## OUR TEEN CLUB

## FT. HUNT PARK

Did you know that on Jul 4th, more than 15,000 people were at Ft Hunt Park - that some estimates ranged as high as 20,000? Do you know that only two park police were on duty in the park that day and that there was a shooting and the situation was practically out of control? The Parkway was innundated with parked cars, the litter and trash, the disturbances were indescribable and a lot of people became "real up tight". Through concerted actions of the Mt Vernon Council to which we furnish the chairman of the Public Safety Committee, the problem of Ft Hunt Park - the excessive amount of drinking, the overflow of crowds, youngsters sleeping in the park all night while their parents don't know where they are, unsupervised and unauthorized large group exploitation and other ills - have now been resolved. The park, along Ft Hunt Road is being fenced. Coordination between the Virginia ABC Board, the National Park Service and the Park Police has been effected. Constraints are being placed on the use of beer except draft beer dispensed with ABC licenses. Park Police presence in the Park is being increased, and checks of unauthorized consumption of alcohol are going to be increased. We mention this news because an awful lot of our youngsters spend very considerable time at the park and recent incidents and recent illegal activities there have just about made the park unsafe for family picnics or for the youngsters to spend time in. This is a lovely park, in a lovely area and it has taken citizen actions to point out just how little coordination, how little cooperation has, until now, existed between several state, county and federal authorities to its preservation and appropriate use.

## FT. HUNT PARK

### THIS YOU SHOULD DO

Fairfax County Police community services had brought forth a brochure relevant to safeguarding your property. In addition to instructions etc, there is space for you to list the serial numbers of practically everything you own all of which has such serial numbers - bikes, TVs, hi-fis, scooters, - you name. This brochure asks that you list all these serial numbers in that brochure. Further this same office has produced stickers, one for the front and one for the rear of your house which tell any intruder that the property in your house is registered etc. We have procured enough of these brochures and stickers for the entire community. There is NO need for you to go to a library to pick them up. We will distribute them with the next newsletter. More importantly still, we have procured an engraver. This will engrave your social security number on anything you own which does not have a serial number or where you cannot find it. We will, in the next newsletter announce a date and time and place where you may bring portable property to engrave it. Better yet, we will, for a LARGE deposit which you get back, let you take this engraver to your home so that you might affix this number at home. Call 780-9388 to make the arrangements. This is a good offer. This is crime prevention and protection of your property and you should take the time to accomplish both affixing the sticker to your house, filling out the brochure and engraving numbers where advisable. It has been statistically proven that stolen and/or lost property will best and most likely find its way back to you if you take these steps. Remember you will receive the brochures and stickers from us and you need not pick them up elsewhere.

### THIS YOU SHOULD DO

### HOW ABOUT THAT!

There have been only two times in past years that there has been a need to alert and exploit our block captain system. Once when the school burned down and now again in the past month during the so-called flood. It took us exactly twenty one minutes to reach all but two of these captains. We had been told by the Police that all of Londonderry and certain other parts of streets in our community should be evacuated. We doubted the advisability or need for this type action. In coordination with the Police, we then proceeded to ask all block captains to inform their neighbors that we had been placed on alert and to remain in the area. The fact that we became sort of an island in this area in which there was relatively little damage and the fact that we did not have an appreciable crest was a God sent. The important thing is that we had an opportunity to see and show just what kind of a great place we live in. We know that the overwhelming number of block captains did call their neighbors. We know that there was no panic. We know that everyone took a potentially uncomfortable situation in stride and that should there ever be a real need the block captain system is there to do the job. Naturally we told the Police that should they order us to evacuate, then it would be their responsibility to come in and so order. They were busy. There was no need. We have a system which exists to help out the police, to augment or work with it when there is a need. To all of the block captains who cooperated many many thanks. We know too, that on certain streets some houses really took in considerable water and that a lot of work went into trying to put back things into shape. With the power out, we hope that plans are or have been made to know what to do should there be a next time.

### HOW ABOUT THAT!

## USE US!

Going out of town - give us a call on 780-9388 so that we can coordinate to assure your house is watched! An incident which requires resolution? let us know so that we can help or steer you to the right people. An article lost or found? call Jane Bush on 780-2857 so we can put it into the newsletter or she can match the lost with the found! Difficulty with a special trash pick-up? call us and let us help get it done. Problems finding the right county office to discuss a water or sewer bill or some other matter of interest and concern to you - let us know so that we can advise you based on what we have learned over the years. Ideas as to what else this association should do, plan, sponsor or be concerned with? We're ready and willing - most times able. Let's hear from you. An item to be sold, some other personal matter which lends itself for the personal items column of this newsletter? call Nancy Shaefer on 780-8914 and she'll take care of it.

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## PARKWAY BIKE NEWS!

Something is going to happen when four youngsters ride aside each other without reflectors or lights in darkness hours on our streets. Bike riding is great! But, reflectors, lights, obeying stop signs, riding on the proper side of the street single file is a must. An ounce of prevention is worth a lot of heartache. We mention this again while being elated about our Mt Vernon Council success in having won the right to use the Mt Vernon Parkway each Sunday morning from 8 AM till noon. Waterpoints have been set up - there is a bike rental at Belle Haven and what a wonderful way for the whole family to spend a Sunday morning driving along one of our nation's most beautiful and historic parkways! Do use these Sunday mornings as statistics are being kept and only use will make it possible to continue this program.

## PARKWAY BIKE NEWS!

## YOU SHOULD KNOW. . .

During the past month, perhaps because it is a vacation month, perhaps because it has become seasonally hot, a too large a number of problems involving our community youngsters have arisen. There have been run aways, there have been those who have not come home for days on end, there have been break-ins, there has been vandalism of unfinished houses and most widely, there has been excessive drinking. All of this has occurred in the Jr High School age group. The law is clear - breaking and entering is a felony! consumption, even possession of beer by anyone less than 21 years old is illegal in this state and the law is enforced. With the cooperation of the community service officer of the County Police, we had to break up and clear out an area of our community where, believe it or not more than 200 beer cans were strewn about and where activities took place, especially at night, which certainly were not known by the parents of the youngsters or they would have been stopped. We hear over and over again from parents that they have a hard time controlling their youngsters in that age group. There are county services available to assist. We thoroughly encourage contact with Bob Lockhart our community services officer so that he might try to help or that he might direct you to the proper mental health, family services and other activities which exist to listen to and try to resolve these type of problems. There is no reason for so many stolen and stripped bikes - for the breaking and entering into homes, for excessive drinking and absences from homes for days on end by such very young people without the parents being advised that we are aware of the problems, that we appreciate the confidence of parents who come to us and that help is available for the asking. Sooner or later some of these youngsters are going to be in deep trouble, they are going to come to the attention of the police, court or probation system or they will incur physical or psychological harm - this we want to prevent because as our residents go so goes our community.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance as of 20 June 1972

\$301.16

## Receipts:

Late dues and Directory ads.	\$251.00	
Directory ads	235.00	
Directory ads	35.00	
Directory ads	<u>145.00</u>	
	\$666.00	\$967.16

## Disbursements:

Printing of Directory	\$418.33	
Mowing vacant areas (month of June)	20.00	
Poster materials	5.02	
Posters, Marine concert	<u>31.46</u>	
	\$474.81	

Cash on hand

\$492.35

Savings and C. D.

\$2,239.78

Interest on Savings 6/30/72

13.85

\$2,253.63

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,745.98 (14 Jul 72)

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# OTHER ORGS' NEWS

Mt Vernon Youth Athletic Association: FOOTBALL: Last Chance sign ups for the fall season! Call Mr. Leon Dobbs on 360-7036 as soon as you read this!

St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School is accepting registration for First Grade, Kindergarten, 4 yr. old Nursery and 3 yr. old Nursery. For information call Julia Smith 780-8235 (home) or after August 1, 9 AM to Noon at St. Aidan's 360-4160.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

### FOR SALE:

Wheel chair (folding), \$50.00, and invalid's walker with seat, \$10.00 Both in good condition, 780-7647.

4 HP Bonanza Minichopper in good condition. \$75.00. 780-9078.

3 speed bike with chopper fork, needs front tire, otherwise in good condition. \$15.00 780-9078.

Columbia boys bike, 27", 10 speed. Best offer. 360-3472.

California sizzler set with cars, power station, tachometer, brakes, the works - \$7.00 outdoor croket set complete - \$2.00 - 780-9388.

Dining room set, table, sideboard and 8 chairs; 3 students desks, folding spring cot with mattress; tired bicycle, boys and girls. 780-7561.

1964 2-door Corvair coupe, \$100.00 - 780-7647.

Sears 17.1 cu. ft. Frostless upright freezer. Perfect condition; General Electric washer and dryer, good condition, \$135.00 (for both). Available Aug 25th; 3-cushioned living room sofa, \$50.00, cushioned living room chair, \$50.00; Chest of drawers (4 drawers), \$13.00; Kitchen dinette set with 7 chairs. Seats need re-doing, \$25.00. Available Aug 25th; 2 snow tires, size G-7815, used on 1971 LTD wagon one season. Both \$30.00; Show and Tell record player with radio and records, \$16.00; Childs Western style bedroom floor lamp, \$10.00 -- 780-9078.

Crib with mattress, \$15.00; play pen, \$10.00; car bed, \$5.00; baby jumper chair, \$5.00; high chair, \$5.00; Tot-toter, \$5.00; Hi Fi, \$5.00; rotobroiler, \$5.00; baby carriage, free - 780-2671.

BIKE REPAIRS: Any speed, inexpensive - 360-3472.

FREE: To a good home, one year old male Siamese, extremely affectionate, appropriately named Caspurr. 780-2098.

ACCEPTING PIANO STUDENTS: for the Fall term. Day time, 765-5393, evenings, 780-4389.

FOR RENT: During August, 5 bedroom, 4 baths, on creek. 360-5188.

Gramercy, 6 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, finished basement, carport - occupancy by Aug 1 - 780-7561.

WANTED: House needed for the last 3 weeks of August preferably in the Stratford area. Urgent -- please call 780-5940.

Mature live-in sitter for one month, mid-Sept to mid-Oct, for four children ages 8 to 18. 765-2196.

WANTED:

Portable dishwasher and window air-conditioners 360-5720.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, August 5, 1972 - 8420 Wendell Drive.

LOST:

Ladies glasses, silver frame - 780-2788.

Boys purple 10 speed bike "Keno" - 360-4576.

Boys small 20" red and silver bike, basket - 360-7493.

Boys 3 speed red Schwinn bike - 360-6348.

Ladies sun glasses, silver frames, lost at tennis court - 780-2402.

Boys 3 speed yellow Columbia, basket - 780-3375.

Boys 10 speed, white "Iverson" - 780-4428.

FOR SALE:

Dining Room Set (table, buffet, china closet, 6 chairs) \$70; Bedroom set (twin bookcase headboards, 2 bureaus, 2 night tables, vanity) \$150; Danish sofa and chair, \$65; Living Room sofa, 84 inches long, like new, \$250; 2 end tables and coffee table, \$15 set; Swivel-rocker, \$10; Living room chair, almost new, \$50; Freezer, 15 cubic feet, \$50; Bookcase, \$3.50; Glass blocks, \$1.00 each; Spread and drapes, gold, \$10; Cedar chest, \$20; Floor lamp, \$10; Rug, off-white, \$20; Rug, blue, 12 x 15, \$40; Rug, white, \$25; Rug, eggshell blue, \$65; two 20 gallon fishtanks with accessories, \$15 and \$20; 55 gallon fishtank, complete, \$80; filing cabinets, \$10 each; Rug shampooer-scrubber, \$8. 780-2542.

Modern, walnut dining room table and 8 chairs. \$120.00 - 360-5720.

Twin mattress and box spring, \$15.00 - 780-9025.

Sony Stereo Tape recorder 500, 4 track, 2 separate speakers w/some extra equipment and 50 tapes make offer - 780-1921.

Antique twin beds, solid maple, with box springs and mattresses, \$300; Very fine antique Winthrop desk, solid maple, \$500; Antique milk churn, pine, refinished- can use as wastepaper basket, etc, \$10; Medium blue Karastan rug, all wool, 9½' x 12', \$90; Boys' banana bike, like new, purple, \$35; Brass ice bucket with tongs and liner, \$7. Call 780-0687.

ADD:

There is no Teen News this time because one was separately issued earlier this month. However be sure the teens know that there is going to be a big summer special dance at the AIR CONDITIONED Ft Hunt Ele School next Friday night the 28th from 8:30 till 11:30. There'll be three bands - Second Eagle, Naked Dog and Jim Crow ! The admission charge will be \$2.00 per person with members for \$1.50 so get your teens to join that night and get in free - Dues are only \$3.00 per year.

The Teen Club is planning a car rally and cordially invites all adults to participate. This can be a fun time for father and son, or any other type family combination sort of event. It will be planned for a Sunday to avoid traffic and to make sure that it is completely safe. These rallies are tests of skill in driving, are closely supervised with Police cooperation, stiff penalties are given for speeding, they are safe and there'll be money prizes for the winners. The most important factor in the rally is good navigation. Call Gene La Porta on 360-4790 to enter and register.